

OVER THE TEA CUPS.

Have you ever taken the stage-ride from Pearl City to Wailua?

The train leaves you at Pearl City—and there, if I could have my way, the brakemen should call out Manana-uka, its real name. Perhaps you are the only one to take the ride, so you are soon climbing up the red road and listening for meadow-larks. The road rises and falls, and winds by gulch and knoll till you mount securely the calm stretch of table land flanked on either side by slopes with corrugating valleys. Up, up you steadily proceed till like the Greeks of old you cry, "The sea, the sea!" as a blue line stretches across from one spur of land to the other. The exhilaration of the mountains, the beautiful dipping to the sea, may do much to atone for the iniquity of the blazing sun and dusty road.

When, however, the driver has given all the information you can swallow; when the first delicious taste of the mountains is followed by a steady diet, turn to the horses for fresh meditations.

The off-horse (for that's the proper term) is the larger and more powerful. He is high-stepping and restless, and wasteful of his energy in the ceaseless tossing of his head, the needless tension of his muscles and the unnecessary taxing of his sweat-glands. Evidently being a stage-horse is beneath his dignity! His mate, more philosophic does his work more quietly and easily, and more of it. He wastes no strength in worry, hurry or display. The miles are to be traversed—let them be well done. And so they are. This difference is all in the horses, for the driver loves his animals and is equally considerate of both.

Now do you, my nervous friend, go to the horses. Consider their ways and be wise. Economize your energy. Use none of it in warring against conditions or in wasteful doing of your work. So shall you find a satisfaction in your laboring.

A word to brother Yale.
In reading your letter, I infer that I am incorrect in personifying an institution founded by a man as maternal. Now for centuries "Alma Mater" has been a fit emblem of the fostering influences of the university. You men of Yale, therefore, must work a revolution in classic terms. To be consistent, the body politic of Yale will vote sometime to style your college the *Alma Pater* of its sweet boy graduates. When that sweet boy and by becomes now, I will admit that "Mother Yale" is a solecism, and not a logical paraphrase of *Alma Mater*. Meantime, when I see fit, I shall continue to say Mother Yale, and no disrespect to the ashes of good St. Elihu, either!

Another word, Monsieur Yale:
Speaking of inconsistencies, permit me to point out one of your own, and one delightfully feminine at that. You doubt my authority, which you take to be the newspapers of the United States. Then later you refer me to these very papers for information! Yet I do not take you for a feminine co-ed. No. The context reveals all too plainly that you are a lord and no lady, and you thank Heaven therefor. As a matter of fact, my authority is unimpeachable. It could hardly be more so if I were to come to New Haven and pose as a graduate co-ed. My dense ignorance of matters Yalean is relieved at times by epistles written by those who like yourself will write Yale when they join the University Club of Hawaii. My "little knowledge" gave me the charity to hope the "townies" were partly to blame. My regret is that they cannot shoulder it all.

I understand the Yale "co-eds" are graduate students; as such they would have little opportunity of taming wild freshmen and still wilder sophomores. Juniors and gentlemen we suppose to be synonymous, and seniors are proverbially grave,—both classes needing no softening. In passing let me assure you that mine is no Sarah Grand intellect for I am partial to the Yale blue,—a love-knot most inspiring when it is bright as the hue of heaven.

Local Poet.

After talking coffee to the man from Kona and wind and rain and crops to the Olaa man for two hours on Saturday, Mr. Joseph Marsden sat himself down and wrote this gem in verse—which will later be copyrighted and sent broadcast around the world—on his cuff:

"Do you wish to live in the sunniest clime;
Where the frosts never come, e'en in Winter time?
Where the sun shines bright and the days are clear
Pretty near three hundred and sixty-five days (including Sundays and holidays) in the year;
Where the air is choicest of the germs of good health—
More precious to man than the blessings of wealth—
If so, 'tis Hawaii that is bidding you come.
Go there, 'tis the Edenic home." (With apologies to the Southern Field.)

The poet underscored the word "good" in the fifth line to distinguish the germs which figure in this case from the comma bacilli. He agrees with the Board of Health that man lives and dies of germs—his health depending upon the character and quality of those inhaled, eaten, imbibed or absorbed. The poem speaks for itself. All will admit that it has the proper ring. (The scenery, volcano, telephone

service and a few other things are not mentioned, but they can all be included in a second verse, which will probably be added later.

DEFENDS YALE.

Student Objects to College Being Called "Mother Yale."

"EDITOR ADVERTISER.—Sir, As one of the unfortunate race of Yale students I desire to present through your columns a little information bearing upon remarks recently made by 'Sybil.' But first let me request of Sybil not to talk about 'Mother Yale.' It would make our good old Saint Elihu rise from his grave if he should know that out in the Pacific he was solemnly described as 'motherly' and 'matronly.' In the second place, let me suggest to Sybil that, being in perfect ignorance of matters Yalean, an ignorance which she unwittingly made manifest by ascribing to us a feminine patron saint, she is hardly qualified to discuss our alleged 'brutality' and 'hoodlumism.' Sybil, for goodness' sake, don't accept for gospel the absolute words of newspapers. Don't you know how much political capital for the silver people there was in this episode? As a matter of fact, confidentially, being one of the hoodlums present, I can assure you, Sybil, that not a newspaper in all the United States told the truth. There was nothing whatever preconcerted. A large part of the disturbance was made by town 'muckers,' some of whom, after the manner of these people, tried to pass as college men. Bryan kept us there in the hot sun, in a pushing, maddening crowd, an hour beyond the time set. Naturally the crowd, students and all, were unmanageable. He did not receive a cordial reception, but soon had a full opportunity to speak. This was the chance for a real orator, for we are not a hard crowd to 'jolly up.' But Bryan proceeded with sneers to talk of the 'ill-gotten gains of our fathers,' on the proceeds of which we were being educated. We expected and hoped to hear arguments. I noted we were told of gigantic conspiracies against mankind and other equally egregious nonsense. Those who speak successfully to college men know that it is unwise to lay themselves open to ridicule. Bryan, perhaps, cut even a more ridiculous figure than a third rate actor who tried to present to us 'Antony.' Both in the vernacular were 'horsed' unmercifully.

"And yet he was not, as the papers say, choked off. Sybil may find the whole incendiary address printed in newspapers.

"But Sybil wishes to reform us by the introduction into our wild haunts of 'woman, lovely woman.' Sybil has, I fear, been reading the 'Heavenly Twins.' But do not let yourself be misinformed, Sybil, we have 'co-eds.' True, connoisseurs in these matters say they are not the most attractive of their species. Yet I have no doubt a penetrative intellect, like Sarah Grand's, could detect a very appreciable influx of sweetness and light, a softening of the savageness of our ways. In conclusion let me beg of Sybil to see these things for himself. A little knowledge is not always a dangerous is certainly an uncomfortable possession.

Honolulu Teachers' Association.

A called meeting of the Honolulu Teachers' Association will be held in the High School building next Monday evening, February 1st. All teachers, local and visiting, and the general public are invited to attend. Papers by the best educators will be read, and a carefully selected literary program will be carried out.

This meeting is not a regular one. It is called for the entertainment of the public, of course, and in order to bring teachers in closer touch with each other. Professor Townsend, Mr. J. L. Dumas, Professor Hosmer and others have been placed on the list for literary contributions.

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